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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON A PERMIT APPLICATION WITH THE OPTION TO REQUEST A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE PROPOSED PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

SUBJECT: Application for a permit to construct an air pollution-emitting source and proposed action: Hess Pumice Products, Inc., Malad City.

PURPOSE: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has scheduled a period to receive public comments on the air quality aspects of the project application. The DEQ is also soliciting requests to hold a 30-day public comment period on the proposed permit when it is drafted.

<u>AUTHORITY:</u> In compliance with Section 58.01.01.209, <u>Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho</u>, notice is hereby given that Hess Pumice Products Inc., Malad City, Idaho has applied to DEQ for a permit to construct an air pollution source to be initially located at the Malad City Industrial Park, Malad City, Idaho.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Pursuant to Section 58.01.01.209, a public comment period on the proposed permit may be provided if written requests are submitted to the undersigned on or before June 27, 2005. Please note that a proposed permit has not been developed at this time. It is the application that is available for review. A proposed permit will be made available for review during the 30-day public comment period if one is requested.

<u>DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:</u> Hess Pumice Products, Inc. processes pumice. They are applying for a permit to construct a new perlite production line.

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS: The permit application materials submitted by Hess Pumice Products Inc. will be available for public review at the following location:

Department of Environmental Quality Pocatello Regional Office 444 Hospital Way, Suite #300 Pocatello, Idaho

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL

QUESTIONS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project application. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include support materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Joan Lechtenberg, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, jlechten@deq.idaho.gov or (208) 373-0234. Please reference the company name and project when sending comments or requesting information on an application.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this application or the permitting process, please contact Dan Pitman at (208) 373-0502.

All written comments and data concerning this application must be directed to and <u>received</u> by the undersigned on or before 5:00 p.m. MDT, June 27, 2005.

DATED this 20th day of May 2005.

Joan Lechtenberg Air Quality Division